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Virginia State Conference NAACP

November 21, 2018

Mr. David K. Paylor
DEQ Director
P.O. Box 1105
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Director Paylor:

I am writing to update you on the Virginia Chapter of the NAACP's views on the proposed Buckingham Compressor Station, near the Union Hill community in Buckingham County. As you know, as our state's leading civil rights organization we have been following this issue closely and have expressed concern about the proposed compressor station and the issue of disproportionate impact. At the same time, we are well acquainted with Dominion Energy and have worked with the company for many years on a variety of civic and educational issues.

I am pleased to tell you that we have brought this spirit of partnership to the proposed compressor station project to address our concerns about disproportionate impact. We are satisfied with the progress and efforts Dominion Energy has made to work with the key stakeholders and residents in the Union Hill community. As part of a larger partnership discussion, Dominion Energy has committed to a \$5.1 million community investment package in the Union Hill community to address long-standing community needs in the area of emergency response, emergency communications, and community programming space (see attached). Dominion's proposal will set a new standard for community engagement in connection with economic and industrial development initiatives. In addition we are working with Dominion to partner on several other fronts such as STEM workforce development in the minority community and increasing community awareness on energy, sustainability and environmental justice issues.

We encourage you to make every effort to ensure that both of these conditions—the attached community investment package—are included as part of the permitting for the Buckingham Compressor Station. We also understand that Dominion Energy is open to additional monitoring requirements, similar to those that would be required in air quality non-attainment areas. We encourage you to pursue these provisions as well to ensure that the stringent health-based limits set forth in the draft permit are paired with equally stringent monitoring to ensure consistent compliance.

Thank you for considering our views on this proposed permit and on conditions for it that in our view are important to the community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kevin Chandler
Chairman